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SUBJECT: RWANDAN PRESIDENT'S VIEW ON SOUTH AFRICA

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1. DURING CALL BY AMB MAY, RWANDAN PRESIDENT (AND OAU VICE-CHRMN) HABYARIMANA DISCUSSED OAU DAR ES SALAAM RESOLUTION AND RWANDAN VIEW TOWARD SAG ALONG LINES REFTEL I.E. A MODERATE APPROACH RECOGNIZING RIGHT OF WHITE MINORITY TO BE "AFRICAN" BUT NECESSITY DO AWAY WITH APARTHEID AND GIVE POLITICAL VOICE TO BLACK MAJORITY. A "DIALOGUE" COULD NOT BE APPROVED UNTIL SO. AFRICAN BLACKS HAD A CHANCE TO HOLD THEIR OWN DIALOGUE WITH THE WHITE MINORITY. IN CONTRAST TO IRE DISPLAYED FOLLOWING TRIPLE VETO SAG EXPULSION (REFTEL), RWANDAN PRES WAS LOW-KEY ON DESIRABLE US ROLE. HE NOTED ONLY THAT USG SHOULD ACTIVELY SEEK PERSUADE SAG TO RECOGNIZE THAT CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION NOW TO MEET RIGHTS OF BLACK MAJORITY WILL DEFUSE FUTURE CERTAINTY OF BLOODSHED ENGENDERED EITHER BY PENT-UP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRUSTRATION OR GUERRILLA ACTION. IN THAT CASE, INTERESTS

OF ALL SOUTH AFRICANS (BLACK AND WHITE) AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD SUFFER.

2. AMB REITERATED US OPPOSITION APARTHEID NOTING SECRETARY'S RECENT COMMENT TO AFRICAN AMBASSADORS (STATE 84081) AND PROGRESS MADE BY US FIRMS IN SO. AFRICA. AMB ALSO NOTED RWANDAN FONMIN NSEKALIJE'S (SOMEWHAT MILITANT) OAU SPEECH IN DAR ES SALAAM SPECIFIED THAT GOR CON-SIDERS NAMIBIA AS MAJOR CHALLENGE FOR A VORSGER "GESTURE" OF GOOD FAITH WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A SECOND CONDITION FOR A RESUMPTION OF "DIALOGUE". IN THAT REGARD, AMB NOTED UN PUBLIC STATEMENT (STATE 96593) THAT USG, FRANCE AND UK REPS HAD RECENTLY PRESENTED JOINT VIEWS ON NAMIBIA TO UN SECGEN WALDHEIM. THIS TYPE OF INITIATIVE INDICATED USG GOOD FAITH IN SEEKING EARLY RESOLUTION NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. FRITTS

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